

### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 15, 29 through 44, and 58 are pending, with Claims 1 and 29 being independent. Claims 16 through 28, 45 through 57, and 59 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 2, 6, 9 through 11, 29, 30, 34, 37 through 39, and 58 have been amended.

The Official Action sets forth a restriction requirement and requires election for prosecution on the merits one of the following groups of claims: (a) Group I: Claims 1 through 15, 29 through 44, and 58; and (b) Group II: Claims 16 through 28, 45 through 57, and 59.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I (Claims 1 through 15, 29 through 44, and 58).

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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